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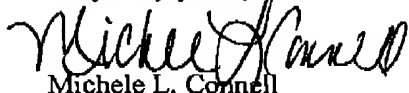
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Dear Examiner Mutschler,

In accordance with our telephone conversation of July 19, 2004, we are faxing amended claims 5 and 10 for entry in the above-captioned application, in response to the Office action mailed January 9, 2004. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 5, 6 and 10 would be allowable if claims 5 and 10 were amended as shown herein.

If any outstanding issues are believed to remain in this application, please do not hesitate to contact us. A Notice of Allowance in this application is earnestly requested.

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